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Affidavit

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John R. Dixon, being duly sworn, does depose and say that:

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1. He is Chief Executive Officer for Skyline Telephone Membership Corporation, a North Carolina Telephone Membership Corporation, and that he is authorized to sign this affidavit on behalf of the company
2. He affirmatively attests that the information contained in the enclosed petition and status report for Docket No. 04-00162 provided by Robbie Farmer, Network Operations Manager for Skyline Telephone Membership Corporation, is accurate.

This 13th day of August 2004

SKYLINE TELEPHONE MEMBERSHIP CORPORATION

By. 
Chief Executive Officer

NORTH CAROLINA

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

ASHE COUNTY

I, Pamela Tribble Weaver, a Notary Public do hereby certify that John R. Dixon, after being duly sworn, personally appeared before me and stated that he is Chief Executive Officer of Skyline Telephone Membership Corporation, and that the facts stated in the above affidavit are true and that he is authorized to execute the affidavit on behalf of Skyline Telephone Membership Corporation. Witness my hand and seal this 13th day of August, 2004


Notary Public

(NOTARY SEAL)

My commission expires: July 24, 2006

Tuesday, September 10th 2004

Tennessee Regulatory Authority
Attn: Mr. Lewis De Board
460 James Robertson Parkway
Nashville, Tennessee 37243-0505

Attention Mr. De Board,

With regards to Skyline Telephone Membership Corporation and our request for a 90 day extension of time to implement wireline-to-wireless local number portability (LNP) I would like to update you as to the primary reason for the delay as well as provide you with a status update on the steps we have taken towards LNP capability in our Shady Valley central office.

As we discussed on the phone today Shady Valley is a remote office for Skyline and it is surrounded by Sprint exchanges. We have eleven other Central Offices, which are all located in North Carolina, that are already LNP capable. We have saturated our service areas in North Carolina with fiber optic cable and for several years we have wanted to extend our fiber plant to Shady Valley. Our ultimate completion of this would allow us to offer our customers in Shady Valley all of the custom-calling and advanced services we offer in North Carolina. This would also allow Shady Valley to be a part of our existing SS7 network and, as a result, make LNP implementation much easier. In the past we have approached Sprint for assistance in the construction of this fiber plant along with inquiring with them about the possibility of leasing dark fiber due to the large expense we would incur in the construction of this fiber optic extension. To date we have had no luck in securing Sprint's assistance. As a result of these roadblocks we have been researching the possibility of making Shady Valley a part of our network by constructing a wireless hop from one of our existing cellular towers in North Carolina to another provider's tower in Shady Valley. This is the primary reason for the delay. We simply were not keen on spending in excess of \$100,000 dollars in Shady Valley, which only has 500 customers, for the ability to offer one new feature - LNP. We wanted to be able to offer some tangible benefits to our customers while, at the same time, being able to offer LNP. We will still pursue this avenue but, in the interest of time, we have determined that we will proceed with the upgrade with Nortel and the establishment of SS7 A-links to Johnson City.

To date we have ordered the upgrade from Nortel for support of LNP and plan to have it completed by late August / early September. We have also met with a Sprint Engineer to begin the process of engineering / ordering the A-links to Johnson City for SS7 connectivity. These A-links represent a significant recurring cost and are another primary reason for the delay in LNP implementation in Shady Valley. We were exploring every possible avenue for maximizing our return on this investment. Aside from compliance, spending over \$200 dollars per subscriber for one feature is not something that we typically pursue.

If everything goes according to plan we should have LNP capability in our Shady Valley exchange within the next thirty days. Please excuse the tardiness of this response and accept our apologies for the delay. Should you have any questions or comments feel free to contact me at 336-982-3800 ext. 6281 or at robbie.farmer@skyline.org.

Sincerely,

Robbie Farmer
Network Operations Manager
Skyline Telephone Membership Corporation

TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

Pat Miller, Chairman
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Sara Kyle, Director
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460 James Robertson Parkway
Nashville, Tennessee 37243-0505

July 28, 2004

Skyline Telephone Membership Corporation
Attn: Ms. Kim Sheppard
P.O. Box 759
West Jefferson, N.C. 28694

By Fax: 1-866-803-1880

RE: *Request For Expedited Approval of 90 Day Extension of Time to Implement
Wireline-to-Wireless Local Number Portability, Docket NO. 04-00162*

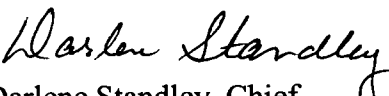
Dear Ms. Sheppard:

To complete action on Skyline Telephone Membership Corporation's ("Skyline")
Petition in Docket No. 04-00162, the below listed information is necessary.

1. Please provide a status of Skyline's progress in its process of implementing local number portability, that is, identify what has been accomplished to date, and what is remaining.
2. If delays are caused by vendor scheduling, please provide copies of supporting documentation, such as letters or notifications from the vendor(s).
3. If delays are not caused by vendor scheduling, please identify specific delays, the causes, and the expected completion dates for overcoming those delays.
4. Please provide an Affidavit attesting to the accuracy of the statements made in the referenced Petition and status report.

The above information should be filed with the Authority no later than Monday, August 4, 2004. If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact Lewis De Board at 800-342-8359, or 615-741-3939, extension 219.

Sincerely,


Darlene Standley, Chief
Telecommunications Division